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Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Since there are a number of qualified Tamil Pandits available throughout the State, I think there won't be any difficulty in getting Pandits to take up teaching in Forms I to III. Therefore, would the Government insist that only qualified Pandits should handle Tamil in the lower forms also?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If specific instances where Tamil Pandits are not employed to handle Forms I to III are brought to the notice of the Government, necessary enquiries will be made.

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Government be pleased to issue an order saying that it will be operative in respect of the future appointments at least?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to have specific instances brought to the notice of the Government. I believe generally Tamil Pandits are available and they are appointed.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the importance of Tamil as it has become the official language of the State, would the Government appoint a committe to go into the question of qualified Pandits being given their due salaries?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Apart from Tamil being the official language, it is the mother tongue of the people here and it is the regional language. I do not think it is necessary to appoint a committee for the purpose.

Sri M. RAJAH IYER : The second grade teachers particularly this year are going through the gloomy prospect of retrenchment.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : That is not a supplementary question. The hon. Member must put a question and not give information.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : But that was not a supplementary question.

Scales and measures

* 98 *Q.*—Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to traders to make use of scales and measures bearing Hindi letters indicating the extent to which things can be weighed in the scales and measures; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Under Schedule VI of the Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1958, the capacity of weighing instruments which include also beam scales should be indicated in English and Hindi. Under Schedule V of

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the rules, the capacity of measures should be indicated in Tamil and Hindi. Apart from these statutory provisions referred to, no specific instructions have been issued to the traders in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

டாக்டர் அ. சிதம்பரநாதன்: ஐயா, தராசுகளிலே ஆங்கிலத்திலும் தமிழ் எழுத்திலும் முன்னால் பொறித்திருந்தவற்றை மாற்றி ஆங்கிலத்திலும் இந்தியிலும் தமிழ் நாட்டிலே கூட வழங்க வேண்டுமென்ற கருத்தை எதிர்த்து வணிகர்கள் தங்கள் கருத்தை தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்கள் அல்லவா?

கனம் திரு. வி. ராமையா: என்னிடத்தில் அந்த மாதிரி எதிர்ப்புத் தெரிவிக்க தகவல் இல்லை.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know the necessity for introducing English and Hindi in Tamil Nad when so many people know only Tamil?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Where many people must know the thing, the weights have to be put in Tamil and Hindi.

River Board

* 99 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Government of India about the establishment of a River Board for Cauvery Basin; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This Government have informed the Government of India that there is no need for the formation of such a Board.

Government Press

* 100 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Information be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether stock verification of papers in Government Press is made annually;

(*b*) if so, by whom it is made; and

(*c*) whether block-making is done in Government Press?

THE HON. SRI G. BOOVARAGHAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It is made by a Gazetted Officer appointed for the purpose.

(*c*) Not at present, Sir.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : May I know, Sir, why these blocks should not be made in the Government Press itself instead of giving the work to the private agencies?

THE HON. SRI G. BOOVARAGHAN : I want a separate question, Sir.